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Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., November 2, 1888.

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Without committing yourself to any arrangement with Mr. Wharton, whose bid under the advertisement of October 15 you have recommended, I desire that you obtain from him the best terms he will make for delivery of the blanks already annealed and cleaned, before I act upon your recommendation.

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Jas P. Kimball

Director of the Mint.

Treas'y Dept.
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November 2. '88

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Director.

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